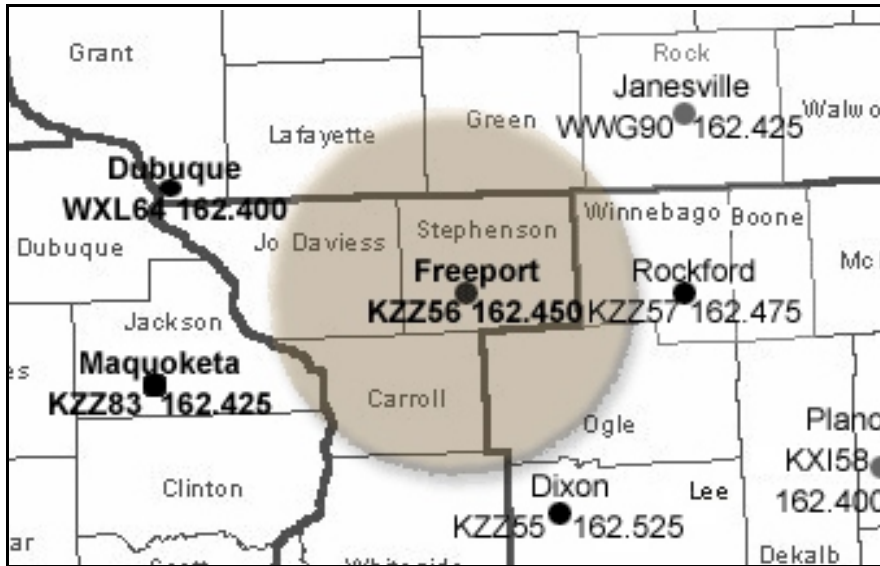


NOAA Weather Radio Fact Sheet

Freeport Transmitter



Who provides this service?

Provided by Radio Works, Inc and Stephenson County Emergency Management, with broadcasts 24 hours per day every day from the National Weather Service in the Quad Cities.

What are FIPS codes and how are they used?

When emergency messages are broadcast on NOAA Weather Radio, they are accompanied by digital codes for the type of message and counties affected. Some Weather Radios (called “SAME” weather radios) are designed to read these codes, and can be programmed to alert only for specific types of messages and/or particular counties with in the listening area. The FIPS codes are used to program the desired counties into these SAME NOAA Weather Radios.

Tone Alert Tests:

Every Wednesday between 11 am and noon (local time), the National Weather Service office in the Quad Cities conducts a tone-alert test. If severe or hazardous weather is ongoing or imminent at that time, the test is postponed until the next available fair weather day. Some radios provide the option of bypassing the routine test. The tone-alert test provides an opportunity to make sure your radios are programmed and working properly. If you choose to bypass the test, make sure to check your radio at least once in the spring and fall.

Helpful Internet Addresses:

National Weather Service, Quad Cities

www.crh.noaa.gov/dvn

National Weather Radio

www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr

Transmitter location: just west of Freeport, Illinois
(Stephenson County)

Station ID: KZZ-56

Station Frequency: 162.450 MHz

Transmitter Power: 300 Watts

Listening Area Counties: Wisconsin: Green, Lafayette.
Illinois: Carroll, Jo Daviess, Ogle, Stephenson, Winnebago.

FIPS Codes for the Freeport listening area:

Carroll IL ... 017015	Stephenson, IL ... 017177
Jo Daviess IL ... 017085	Winnebago, IL ... 017201
Ogle, IL ... 017141	Green, WI ... 055045
	Lafayette, WI ... 055065

